

DDCT Commander Introduces New Safety Incentive

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Defense Distribution Depot Corpus Christi, TX (DDCT) Commander LTC Sheila J-McClaney, USA, introduced a new DDCT "Safety Bucks Program" in which employees can earn Safety Bucks as a reward for working safer, reporting accidents and unsafe

acts, using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), driving safely, and attending safety training and meetings. Employees can spend their Safety Bucks on merchandise in the DDCT Safety Store.



Automation improves transportation process

Gone are the days when shipping discrepancies were hand written into log books and shared by 25 users at Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC). Thanks to the data base designed by Debbie Donia of the DDJC J-6 Systems Management Branch, those logs are now automated.

Whenever there were discrepancies such as overages, shortages, or damages on shipments, it was handwritten in a log book. Anyone working in Transportation's Customer Support Division who needed to research a discrepancy would find the log book and search for the information. Transportation Assistants Tina Carmona and John Becker turned in a suggestion to automate the process. Donia, who previously was a programmer and installed MRO printers in the warehouses, was assigned the project, her first as a Data Base Administrator.

After spending about a month meeting with the users and developing tables, forms and

query reports, Donia was ready to launch the program. "There was a lot of interaction and quite a bit of tweaking required," said Donia. "And we can still tweak it if needed."

However, after a month in use, the data base has been a huge success. Traffic Management Specialist Gene Maier figures it has reduced the time needed to log in the entry by one-third. However, there are several more benefits.

The info in the log books was also used to write the customer a status letter according to Maier. Now the letter is automatically composed through the data base. The automated logs can be accessed by an unlimited amount of users and the possibility of misplacing the logs is eliminated. "It has reduced our response time," said Carmona.

An additional benefit of the data base is the interpretation of handwriting styles it has eliminated, and ease in making corrections when required. "Corrections are easier now

that we don't have to use white out anymore," said Carmona.

Maier also points out how reports are now just a keystroke away. "The data base has made it a lot easier for analysis," said Maier. "It is easy to see trends for overages or damage."

Donia also said each entry can be tracked since the data base assigns a log number for each item.

"I could not believe the detail the data base provides," added Carmona. "She (Donia)

did a beautiful job! The detail is unbelievable."

Maier figures that automation of the logs will save the section nearly 400 man hours per year. The data base administrators have also helped reduce mountains of paperwork providing automation of a long list of items to include: the police blotter, visitors' registers, health clinic registers, manpower listings, truck control logs, open lines, and hazardous shipments.

